[*Translation*]

Use of Coal Dust in Bihar

5340. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal dust from coal mines in Hazaribagh (Bihar) flows waste into river;

(b) whether the Government have any scheme to produce manure and cooking coal from this coal dust; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme would be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA GOUDA): (a) No coal dust from the mines in Hazaribagh District flows into the river. However, some quantity of fine coal slurry at times flows into the river. Steps have already been initiated to modify washery circuits so that no coal dust flows into the river from the washeries.

(b) and (c). Coal India Limited are encouraging private entrepreneurs to take up manufacture of coal briquettes for use as domestic fuel from fine coal available in various mines. So far coal clearance to 898 applicants have been given for manufacture of coal briquettes.

[*English*]

Production of Coal in Eastern Coalfields

5341. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to State:

(a) the targets fixed and actual production of coal achieved by the Eastern Coalfields Limited during each of last three years;

(b) whether there has been shortfalls in production against the targets; and

(c) if so, the reasons for shortfalls and the steps taken to improve the production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA-GOUDA):

(a) The information is given below:-

(*million tonnes*)

Year	Target	Production
1988-89	30.10	30.13
1989-90	30,90	24.49
1990-91	29.00	23.47

(b) and (c). During 1989-90 and 1990-91 the shortfall in production, against target, was due to difficulties in timely availability of land, power shortages, absenteeism, law and other problem etc. Steps taken to increase coal production inter-alia include redeployment of surplus labour, constant monitoring, opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technologies to achieve maximum results/ and making available inputs and infrastructural in time to optimise production of coal.

Energisation of Pumpsets and Rural Electrification in Madhya Pradesh

5342. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: